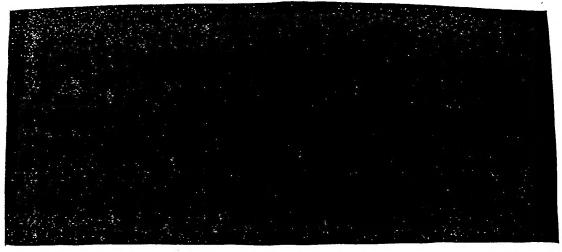
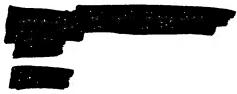


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DESPITE THE POSITIVE IMPRESSION MALVAL HAS MADE WITH THE HIGH COMMAND, THE ARMED FORCES ARE STILL A SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL THREAT. MILITARY PERSONNEL STILL SUSPECT ARISTIDE'S INTENTIONS, AND OFFICERS CONTINUE TO ASSURE THE ENLISTED MEN THAT THE ACCORD WAS MERELY A DEVICE TO GET THE EMBARGO LIFTED AND THAT ARISTIDE WILL NOT RETURN, MANY IN THE MILITARY WILL INTERPRET THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVES TO SEPARATE THE POLICE FROM THE ARMY AS AN ATTACK ON THEIR TRADITIONAL POWER BASE AND SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD. MANY LEGISLATORS PLAN TO FORESTALL CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT POLICE FORCE UNTIL ARISTIDE ANNOUNCES AN AMNESTY. MALVAL MAY ALSO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO REPLACE ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS, WHO IS TO RETIRE UNDER THE NATIONAL RECONCILIATION ACCORD; THE LEADING CANDIDATE FOR THE POST, GENERAL MAYARD, FEARS A MUTINY, AND FEW OTHER QUALIFIED OFFICERS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ARISTIDE.





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